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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby
notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached
Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability
of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 3-150294, published June 26, 1991.

2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-289209, published November 4, 1997.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three
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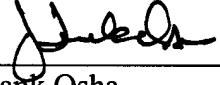
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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant states that the above references are discussed within the specification beginning at page 3, line 23 and page 4, line 10.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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